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FBI Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs)

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ The FBI currently maintains a fleet of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs). UAV models utilized by the FBI include [redacted]

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[redacted] The FBI currently has [redacted] operators.

Each of these operators maintains a private pilot certification, at a minimum.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ FBI UAVs have been deployed on occasions over the past six years, to include a recent deployment [redacted]

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(U/LES) The deployment of FBI aircraft, including UAVs, in the National Airspace System is regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) through Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Additionally, all FBI owned and leased aircraft, including UAVs, are public aircraft as defined in Public Law 103-411. The FBI has also adopted its own internal rules, regulations and guidelines governing the operation of FBI aircraft in the Bureau Aviation Regulation (BAR). In addition, OTD has developed a standard operating procedure (SOP) for the field to request UAV deployment.

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